Holy Spirit Parent Council Meeting Minutes, November 25th, 2020

Attendance: Dave French, Jodi Ostrosky, Aoife Cahill, Michelle Yuzdepski, Kim Metro, Kim Hawco, Carrie Peterson, Lisa Leavitt, Leanne Bohme., Sarah Power, Carrie, Danielle Bussiere

Call meeting to Order and Opening Prayer

1. Dave called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

* 1. Opening Prayer led by Aoife Cahill.
  2. Introductions

1. Approval
   1. Kim M. made a motion to approve October 28th, 2020 minutes, Jodi seconded, carried.
   2. Lisa made a motion to approve today’s agenda, Jodi seconded by Kim M. carried.
      * + Dave added Agenda item, Families in Need.
2. Teacher Presentation: Grade 2 Teachers (Carrie Peterson) presenting,

Celebrations:

-3-Way Conferences

-evidence of learning portfolios

Classroom Updates:

-In Mrs. Johnston’s kindergarten, we have been learning about how animals and people get ready for winter: hibernation, migration, adaptation, warm clothes, new outside winter activities and LOTS of shovelling!  We finished off our month with our “HiBEARnation day.  We went on a bear hunt with our “bear”noculars, made bear caves using loose parts, and a special craft bear craft.

The Grade One classes ventured into the world of virtual field trips, inviting the company Teacher’s Pet to help the students experience ‘building’ a wooden house.  Many times, the teachers in the school have lamented how sad they are that the dedicated parent volunteers are not available to assist in learning opportunities such as this. A huge thank you to all the parents for their understanding and willingness to attend three way conferences virtually.  We are looking forward to celebrating the season of Advent as we move into the new church year.

School Activities:

* Decorating the school doors with the students and decorating the school for Christmas
* Grade 2 classes are leading the assembly on Friday.

Upcoming Events:

-Advent Social Justice Activities - making cards, gathering mittens, socks etc., asking for donations for the food bank

Dress up days - Christmas headwear, Dress in your wackiest Christmas outfit, PJ day.

Thank-you to…

-for all the support from the families

1. Danielle Bussiere, Family Wellness Worker for Holy Spirit.

a. Presented a slide show on Emotional Intelligence, showing what they have been working on with CTM (Collaborative Team Meetings) We are working with the adults in the school on the emotional awareness so they can bring it into their classrooms to help the students.

1. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting: None
2. Covid 19 Response: Email will have gone out from the EICS School Board, school is happy with what they have decided regarding being able to continue in person school. Will keep with how they have been doing things.
3. FAMILIES IN NEED: It has been brought to the attention of the parent council that there are families in need to cover the school fees that are owing. Open it up for discussion for if we as a parent council want to help support these unique circumstances. Do we want to set aside a percentage of the fundraising for the Society towards helping fees for families in need? Recommend that the society looks at seeing if it can work.
4. ADMIIN REPORT FROM Aoife Cahill/ Michelle Yuzdepski

* COVID Protocols - success in schools following protocols with limited transmission provincially
* Travel - Calgary travel pilot program [information](https://www.alberta.ca/international-border-pilot-project.aspx#toc-4); this would impacted families directly in regards to school as they would have to isolate for 14 days after returning
* ASCA funding - This reduces support to School Councils throughout the province.
* EICS COVID re-entry video - a response to the request at the last School Council meeting to share information with the school community about the process of a positive case at school and identifying close contacts; we are asking families to contact the school directly if there is a student case
* School Advent Mass - due to COVID there will be no in person school Advent mass this year but we will have a virtual mass on December 16 @ 1 pm; families will be able to join us online through [www.OLPH.ca](http://www.OLPH.ca)
* President's Choice Nutritional grant - $2300; this money will be used to provide COVID friendly snacks for students throughout the school
* Volunteers - unfortunately at this time we have to continue with no volunteers in the school
* Emotional Intelligence - it is an important time to speak about emotions, especially at this time; Miss B. is sharing information with all staff to develop their understanding of emotional intelligence in order to help themselves and better support their students

1. Dave adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.